Course: *E0143 – Advanced Situational Awareness/Common Operating Picture (SA/COP) - Pilot Offering*

Course Dates:

October 14-17, 2013

Course Length:

This course is 4 full days in length; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day.

Travel Dates:

Sunday, October 13 and Friday, October 18, 2013

Location:

Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
National Emergency Training Center (NETC)
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Course Description:

The Situational Awareness/Common Operating Picture (SA/COP) course supports the Communications and Information Management component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Individuals and organizations at all levels of response have a responsibility to both contribute to and use reliable information as a part of the incident response efforts. Despite the importance of maintaining SA/COP for all types of incidents, there are few resources available for individuals and teams to improve their capabilities in this arena. This advanced course is designed to build the skills, knowledge, and capabilities of individuals, teams, and organizations involved in emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Course Goal:

The goal of this course is to provide participants the skills and knowledge necessary to apply a process to capture and evaluate situational awareness in order to develop and communicate a common operating picture which enhances critical decision making at all levels of the event. At the end of the course, the participants will have the skills to manage, analyze, plan, implement, and evaluate the situational awareness/common operating picture (SA/COP) system.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Utilize accepted criteria and tools to evaluate the effectiveness of your SA/COP system.
- Explain the role and impact of SA/COP in the Integrated Emergency Management System.
- Apply the critical steps required for an SA/COP system to effectively improve critical decision making.
- Apply best practices and facilitate improvement to the SA/COP system.
- Summarize and directly apply the elements of an integrated SA/COP system.
- Explain the importance of the relationship between information and effective critical decision making.

Prerequisite:

No prerequisites are required for the E0143 – Advanced SA/COP course, however, the following course completions are recommended prior to this course:

- IS 100.b – Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS), I-100
- IS 200.b – ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS 700.a – National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction
- IS 704 – NIMS Communications and Information Management
- E/L0948 – Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture (Intermediate-level training)

Target Audience:

The audience for this course includes individuals or teams who work with a common mission of collecting situational awareness and developing a common operating picture in response to an event or incident. The course is designed for an audience of 50 participants. Teams can be comprised of:

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- Incident management teams.
- Multi-agency coordination leadership structures including Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Departmental Operations Center (DOC).
- Corporate emergency management response programs.
- Non-governmental response programs.
- Federal programs of SA and COP interpretation and implementation.
- Discipline-specific teams or multi-disciplinary teams.
- Individuals involved in emergency management at the local, state, tribal or Federal level, or within private sector or non-governmental organizations.

To Apply:

Complete FEMA Form 119-25-1, General Admissions Application, with a student signature and signature of supervisor or sponsoring agency official. Submit the application through the State Emergency Management Training office which will mail, scan, or fax it to:

NETC Admissions Office, Room I-216
National Emergency Training Center
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998
Phone: (301) 447-1035
Fax: (301) 447-1658
Email: netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

Scan the QR Code, or click the link to get information on how to apply for EMI courses:

http://training.fema.gov/Apply/

Application Review:

In order to be evaluated for admission into this course, block #16 on the application form must be completed. Please refer to the student selection criteria listed below and indicate how you meet the requirements based upon your position and experience.

Upon acceptance into the course, NETC Admissions will mail out an Acceptance Letter/Welcome Package outlining travel information, NETC shuttle services, lodging and other logistics. Scan the QR Code, or click the link for a PDF copy of the NETC Welcome Package online:

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/downloads/
NETC_Welcome_Package.pdf

Lodging is provided for course participants on the NETC campus. Participants staying overnight on campus are required to purchase a meal ticket for the duration of the training activity. Notify the NETC Transportation Office at least 2 weeks prior to the course date to reserve a seat.
Call (301) 447-1048, ext. 1113, or email
FEMA-netc-housing@fema.dhs.gov.

Selection Criteria:

The program audience includes personnel from emergency management, emergency medical services, fire, law enforcement, government administrative, hazardous materials, health care, public health, public safety communications, public works, or any emergency management or response personnel who may have the opportunity to serve on an Incident Management Team during an incident.

Notice to Applicants for EMI courses:

Individuals applying for EMI classes will be required to register using the FEMA Student Identification (SID) number. This number will be used in place of the Social Security Number (SSN) on your application form. **The SSN is no longer required**.

How do I obtain my FEMA SID number?

Step 1: To register, go to https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid
Step 2: Click on the "Need a FEMA SID" button on the right side of the screen.
Step 3: Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.
Step 4: You will receive an email with your SID number. You should save this number in a secure location.

What do I do with this new SID number I have been assigned?

The SID number is used in place of the SSN on your General Admissions Application (FEMA Form 119-25-1).

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http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IEMC/

EMI Point of Contact:

For additional information contact course manager, Richard Sexton at (301) 447-7687, or email
Richard.Sexton@fema.dhs.gov

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